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1. DURING JUNE 10 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHARGE AND FONMIN PERMSEC FRANK FRANCIS ON UNRELATED SUBJECTS, FRANCIS MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD (FROM SOURCES HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY) THAT USG HAD TAKEN SOME "RATHER UNHELPFUL" DECISIONS ON THE CHARACTER AND TIMIMG OF NEW US ASSISTANCE. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THESE DECISIONS DID NOT APPEAR ADEQUATELY TO RELATE TO THE CONSIDERATIONS DISCUSSED BY THE JOINT US/ JAMAICAN ECONOMIC TEAM IN KINGSTON IN EARLY MAY.

2. CHARGE COMMENTED THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS NOT CORRECT IN THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY USG AND SUGGESTED THAT HE TREAT WITH CAUTION WHATEVER HE MAY HEAR PENDING FORMAL ADVICE FROM USG. FRANCIS RESPONDED THAT LATTER NEEDED SOON GIVEN GROWING MAGNITUDE JAMAICA'S CRISIS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FRANCIS RELUCTANT TO OFFER SPECIFICS IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM HIS REMARKS THAT GOJ HAS MANAGED TO OBTAIN SOME OR ALL OF THE SPECIFICS OF THE DECISIONS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL. FROM FRANCIS'S REMARKS IT ALSO
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IS CLEAR THAT GOJ STILL HOPES TO BE INFORMED MOMENTARILY OF USG DECISIONS. FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS NOT ONLY WITH LEVEL AND CHARACTER OF ASSISTANCE PACKAGE, BUT ALSO WITH TIMEING OF ANY ADVICE TO JAMAICANS.
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